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SUBJ: PAROLE OF CHILEAN REFUGEES - MARTINEZ ZENTENO, JORGE LUIS

REF: STATE 292831, SANTIAGO 7584

1. MARTINEZ TOLD THE UNHCR THAT HE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND FOR THAT REASON WAS FIRED FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE COULD NOT FIND NEW EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THIS INVOLVEMENT. HE DESCRIBED HIMSELF TO THE UNHCR AS A RANK AND FILE MILITANT (UN MILITANTE DE BASE). THE UNHCR CONFIRMS ITS DETERMINATION THAT HE HAS A WELL FOUNDED FEAR OF PERSECUTION AND IS A REFUGEE UNDER THE UNHCR MANDATE. HE IS RECOGNIZED AS A REFUGEE BY THE GOP, BUT ONLY IN TRANSIT STATUS.

2. THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE, MR. GUY PRIM, BELIEVES AND THE EMBASSY AGREES THAT CANDIDATES FOR PAROLE PURPOSELY PRESENT THEIR CASES TO USG OFFICIALS AS BEING MORE NEUTRAL AND APOLITICAL THAN THE ACCOUNT OF THEIR POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT WHICH THEY GIVE TO THE UNHCR WHEN THEY APPLY FOR REFUGEE STATUS.

3. BECAUSE OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH GOP, THE UNHCR CAN ASSIST LATIN AMERICAN REFUGEES IN TRANSIT STATUS ONLY. PERU IS A PARTY TO THE 1951 REFUGEE CONVENTION BUT WITH A GEOGRAPHIC RESERVATION, I.E., IT FULLY RECOGNIZES UNCLASSIFIED

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AND PROTECTS ONLY REFUGEES FROM EUROPE. THIS BILATERAL

AGREEMENT IS TEMPORARY AND WILL BE TERMINATED WHEN THE
REMAINING CHILEAN REFUGEES IN TRANSIT HERE ARE
RESETTLED OUTSIDE OF PERU.
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